

VIOLENT CRIMES

Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates only the number of incidents reported to police and does not reflect the number of criminals who committed them or the number of injuries inflicted.

During the year 2014, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,582 reported offenses during 2014 — compared with 1,661 for 2013. This decrease of 79 crimes reported represents a decrease of 4.8%.

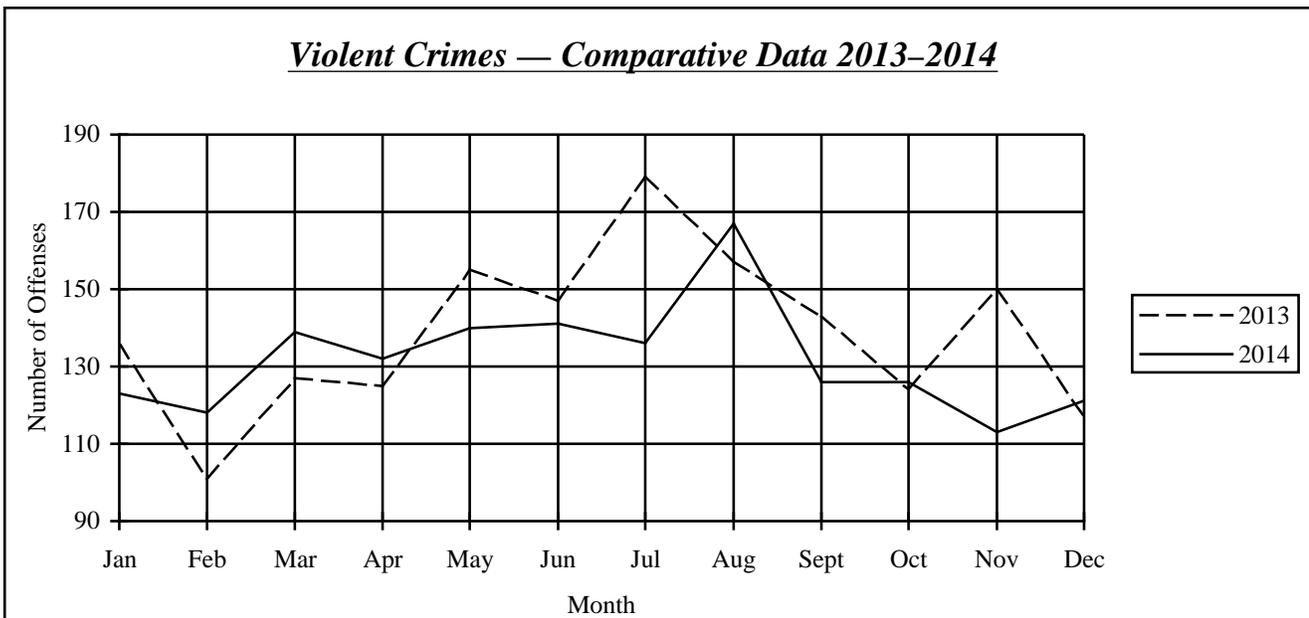
The 2014 crime rate for violent crime is 1.19 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 5.7% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,041 violent crimes for a 65.8% clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2013–2014

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2013	24	359	335	943	1,661
2014	22	356	304	900	1,582
Number Change	-2	-3	-31	-43	-79
Percent Change	-8.3%	-0.8%	-9.3%	-4.6%	-4.8%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2013–2014



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.19)

